

8 – 16 (CANCELLED)

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1 - 16 are pending.

Claims 1 – 16 stand rejected.

Claims 8 - 16 have been cancelled without prejudice.

REMARKS

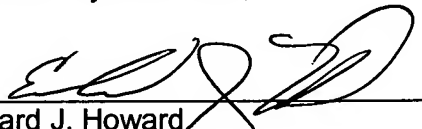
By this amendment, Applicant cancels Claims 8 – 16 without prejudice and for purposes of simplifying the issues for appeal, and subject to Applicant's right to re-introduce and seek further prosecution of these now cancelled claims in this or a related application. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Should there be any questions or outstanding matters, the Examiner is cordially invited and requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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